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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-9 and 11, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants note and appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 3-8 recited allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former claims 2 and 3, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. All dependent claims are now dependent upon amended claim 1 and are thus in condition for allowance.

Since this Amendment places all claims 1, 4-9 and 11 fully into condition for allowance (and thus surely in better conditions for any appeal) entry of this Amendment and allowance of all claims 1, 4-9 and 11 are respectfully requested.

All rejections noted in the Office Action are moot since all claims now include the patentable limitations of former claim 3.

Accordingly, this application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No.28954.2006). Should the Examiner believe that additional changes would place this

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application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants'  
undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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